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Army over Virginia Tech
Notre Dame over Nebraska
Princeton High over Trenton
Princeton over Colgate

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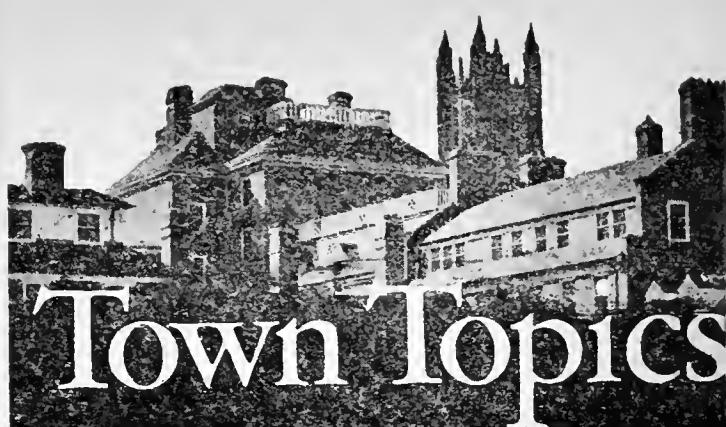
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Elected to the New York Mineralogical Society at the age of 11 and a graduate of Harvard, where he completed the four-year undergraduate course in three years, Oppenheimer and his brilliant career symbolize the sudden dawn of the atomic age. In 1942 he was virtually unknown outside of scientific circles. Three years later, when he resigned as guiding genius of the nerve center of the Manhattan Project, he was popularly recognized for "his boundless energy," "rare common sense," and "tremendous organizational abilities," and was looked upon as the one man who could have taken in stride "three years of the most intense mental strain any man ever had to undergo."

The unvarnished account of Oppenheimer's successes in implementing atomic energy for military purposes is one of the sagas of the war era. Equipment had to be shuttled to the bare desert installation from all parts of the country, including three train carloads of apparatus from Princeton, a cyclotron from Harvard and generators from Wisconsin, but, long before war's end, Oppenheimer had moulded into a team an extraordinary galaxy of scientific stars as well as 6,000 scientific and military workers. Throughout the hectic period, according to reports, "the main decisions were Oppenheimer's and all proved to be correct."

Occasionally addicted to porkpie hats, interested in horses and versed in eight different languages, Oppenheimer after the war returned to his twin professorships at California and California Institute for Technology. His efforts to rediscover the more serene ways of peace were in vain, for his hard-won knowledge and understanding were needed in drafting "scientific legislation" and in zeroing in the Atomic Energy Commission.

For giving everything of himself to the development of the atomic bomb so that countless thousands of lives could be spared; for his demonstrated ability in inspiring the work of others; for radiating the kind of dynamic energy that bodes well both for the Institute and for Princeton; he is TOWN TOPICS' nominee for

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Topics of the Town

Mayor & Council Meet. Just as the Princeton community has an acute housing shortage, so its council chamber is currently far too small for the many who now attend meetings of the governing body. Tuesday night, it was overflowing with citizens who heard and participated in the making of a good deal of municipal news:

The ordinance to construct a street through Greenholm was passed on first reading. October 28 was set as the date for the public hearing and for the launching of condemnation proceedings against any properties not given or sold to the borough by that time.

The ordinance to zone part of Nassau Street east of Harrison as a business area was amended to cover a smaller area than originally planned and became law. Affecting primarily a district on the north side of Nassau, it met with Jugtown's approval.

Parents of Elementary School children spoke at length to ask for unvarying police supervision of University Place and Washington Road intersections of Nassau Street. The debate centered not on the need for better safety measures, but on whether responsibility lies with the mayor & council or the board of education. The parents' urgency was symbolized by Jeremiah Finch's prediction: "If University Place is not properly supervised, it will not be long before a child is killed there."

Those present at the meeting heard, too, that the campaign to conserve meat, eggs, poultry and bread was sadly lacking a guiding hand in Princeton. While State officials dawdled along in an attempt to revive war-time defense councils, Mayor Morgan announced that this community would assign the

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There are other such facts, but it sums up to this: a capable Princetonian with years of business experience behind him is running for a county office in which he will do his fellow townspeople worlds of good. THAT'S WHY so many Republicans are planning on November 1 to erase party lines and

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It's New to Us

"Pictorial History of Princeton." It seemed almost inevitable that the two completed centuries of Princeton existence so fittingly and dramatically commemorated during this last year be recorded in book form. It was not as inevitable that the job be done by someone with the knowledge, imagination and humor to make the book, rather than the anticlimax it might have been, the perfect finishing touch.

Wheaton J. Lane, alumnus, ex-faculty member and Princeton resident, has done just that. The years between 1746 and 1947, be they history-packed or normally event-filled, pass before our eyes with a wealth of pictorial detail that is amazing both in its abundance and variety. Beginning with old portraits, engravings and reproductions of pithy or verbose papers, followed by early, and surprisingly good, photographs, the history takes us all the way up to aerial photography and the Bicentennial pictures.

Two hundred years, covered in minute detail, could have sprawled across the pages in thoroughly unorganized and irritating fashion. That just the opposite is true may best be indicated by listing the seven headings into which Mr. Lane has divided his subject. They are, historically speaking, the Early, Middle and Recent Periods, followed by Princeton In War, Undergraduate Life, Alumni Reunions and Princeton's Anniversaries.

From start to finish, the book is crowded with illustrations and comments of personal interest to anyone with any Princeton affiliation whatsoever. humorously and warmly presented as they are, the activities of the eighteen and nineteen hundreds are as real as those of the 1940's, at times slightly altered, at others, incredibly unchanged.

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task to its Civic Association. But the latter body planned no action until its October meeting next Tuesday, a pace which might bring initial results by the fourth week after Truman's request.

The need for partaking in international politics on the home front (the fact is irrefutable that America's failure to keep Western European nations fed may change the course of world events sharply for the worse) was nonetheless already receiving some recognition here. Many a household tailored its menus as asked, in the growing belief that ever-increasing jousts with Russia were being played for keeps.

As expected, restaurants showed their true colors, from Renwick's (whose proprietor told TOWN TOPICS, "Of course, we're going along in full) and Vietz's (which labelled its menus, "Meatless Tuesday, October 14), to the ever non-conforming Balt. Pasted in its window throughout Tuesday were menus offering lamb, roast beef, veal cutlets, steaks. It hardly seemed likely that such blatant disregard of fair trade and

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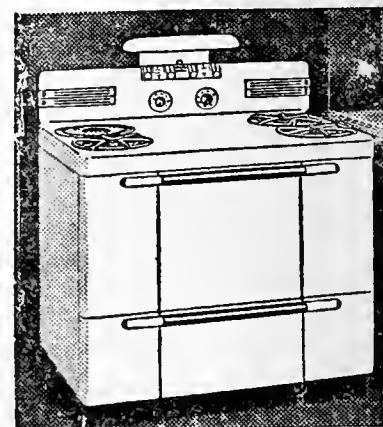
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Saturday, October 18th
 2:00 p.m.: Football: Princeton vs. Colgate, Palmer Stadium.
 8:30 p.m.: Opening, Princeton University Concerts Series; Stuyvesant String Quartet; McCarter Theater.

Sunday, October 19th
 7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:00 a.m.: Mass, St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church.
 11:00 a.m.: Sermon, the Rev. Dr. Arthur L. Kinsolving, Trinity Church.
 "Behind Closed Doors," the Rev. Frank S. Niles; First Church.
 "Joseph and His Brethren," the Rev. Dr. William L. Tucker; Second Church.
 "The Marriage of True Minds," the Rev. Milton A. Galamison; Witherspoon Church.
 "What Are You Doing With Your Life?", the Rev. Lynn H. Corson, Methodist Church.

"Temptation in the Life of a Christian," the Rev. Milton J. Nauss; Lutheran Service; Chapel, Westminster Choir College.

"Doctrine of Atonement," Lesson-Sermon: First Church of Christ, Scientist. University Preacher, Dean Donald B. Aldrich; University Chapel.

Noon: Door-to-Door Collection of Scrap Paper, sponsored by Charles Robinson Post No. 218, American Legion.

7:30 p.m.: Choral Evensong, Trinity Church.

8:00 p.m.: "Parents and the Child," the Rev. Dr. Niles; First Church.

Worship Service; Witherspoon Church.

8:15 p.m.: Evening Service; First Church of Christ, Scientist.

Tuesday, October 21st

8:00 p.m.: Meeting, Princeton Civic Association; Borough Hall.

Republican Rally, Chambers Street Firehouse.

P.T.A. Reception for Teachers; High School Auditorium.

Wednesday, October 22d

10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.: Free chest x-ray photographs, trailer-truck "laboratory on wheels"; joint sponsorship of Borough Board of Health and Princeton Tuberculosis League; Nassau Street opposite Palmer Square.

8:00 p.m.: Mid-Week Service; First Church of Christ, Scientist.

Thursday, October 23d

2:00-5:00 p.m. and 7:00-9:00 p.m.: Free chest x-ray examinations; see above; also, same hours on Friday, October 24th.

Friday, October 24th

7:30 p.m.: Classic Film Revival, D. W. Griffith's productions; Frick Auditorium, Washington Road.

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News of the Theatres

The Playhouse

Desert Fury (Fri., Sat.) has a rapidly-growing accumulation of votes as one of the year's worst pictures. John Hodiak and Lisabeth Scott in a western that is poorly acted, badly told.

The Secret Life of Walter Mitty (Sun. thru Wed.) stars Danny Kaye in a fast-moving James Thurber comedy about a timid, hen-pecked young man who daydreams himself into various heroic actions, suddenly finds himself confronted with the need for heroism in real life. A good picture with Virginia Mayo, Fay Bainter.

Singapore (Thurs., Fri., Sat.) sends Fred MacMurray (as a pearl smuggler) in & out of a maze of events in the Far Eastern city before & after the Japs capture it. So-so adventure drama.

Garden Theatre

The Arnello Affair (Fri., Sat.) casts John Hodiak and Frances Gifford in a crime picture with a night club setting. Worth missing.

The Black Swan (Mon., Tues., Wed.) revives a once-popular melodrama which includes a good deal of action in its plot. Tyrone Power, George Sanders, Maureen O'Hara.

Living in a Big Way (Thurs., Fri., Sat.) is good when Gene Kelly dances, which isn't very often. He's with Marie McDonald in a weak romantic comedy.

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The lack of change might be most poignantly illustrated by a document surveying available housing space for Congress, which was then in session at Nassau Hall. The actual script in which it is written is the only noticeable difference between such a paper in 1783 and 1947.

Stocktons, MacLeans, Poes, Duffields and Wilson come under the ever-moving spotlight with Dean Gauss, Booth Tark-

ington, Hobey Baker, Jimmy Stewart, Mike Kopliner, Tom Cleveland and Jigger. History and daily living; tragedy and comedy; names known to the world or only to Princeton; achievements intellectual, athletic, scientific, political and theatrical—all are here. Most of the pieces which, fitted together, form the continuing entity that is Princeton University are presented with ability and sensitivity in this enthralling coverage of two hundred years in two hundred pages.

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the people's good would go unnoticed.

Miscellany. John R. O'Hare, 19-year-old Princeton junior, enlivened a routine Friday evening last weekend by borrowing a garbage truck on Hulfish Street, driving at a rapid rate of speed nine miles toward Trenton . . . chased by police of four municipalities (who said his careening vehicle forced a dozen cars and a Greyhound bus off the road,) he ditched the truck in a swamp, stopped running when the bullets began whistling overhead.

Princeton High, which won its third straight last weekend by trouncing Hamilton, 20-0, has a good chance of taking Trenton High under lights in Trenton this Saturday . . . Rutgers was good, nothing more; Princeton was nothing more than vastly disappointing in losing, 13-7 . . . hopes for the future lie in Paul Cowie, potentially the most devastating back the Tigers have had since Allerdice, LeVan or Slagle if he gets the blocking . . . and if the Tigers don't block and tackle far better than they did at New Brunswick, they won't, frankly, win another game this year.

Davis T. Cleland, 23-year old former Princetonian, was arrested in Washington this week, has admitted he broke into buildings on the Seminary campus, the Methodist Church, the First Presbyterian Church, the Luther P. Eisenhart home on Alexander Street, the public library and a Nassau Street diner . . . total loot was worth less than \$100.



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